



# Maricopa County

## News Release

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## Safe place to eat? Safe place to swim? Do a Quick Search!

Maricopa County Environmental Services has now made easier searching for on-line reports of public records, such as restaurants and other food establishment inspection ratings and awards, public swimming pool inspections, and environmental complaints.

At the click of a mouse, information is available at residents' fingertips by categories and/or cities. Previously, when searching for rating scores or other information on food establishments' on the Environmental Health webpage, the name of the establishment was necessary in order to access the data. With the request of residents, the website has been redesigned to also enable the search criterion to locate a food establishment by category and permit type.

The new webpage feature provides a user-friendly way for the public and the media to locate establishments and permit types for businesses such as:

- Retail Groceries
- Schools
- Day Care Centers
- Bakeries
- Hospitals
- Nursing Homes
- Meat Markets
- Bottled Water and Beverages
- Pet Shops
- Jail Complexes
- Public Swimming Pools

Complaints reported to the County regarding any restaurant or food-related establishment, public swimming pool, as well as environmental related complaints, such as insects, pests, and rodents are also available on this webpage. Information that needs to be kept confidential by the department (i.e., name and contact information of the complainant) is not disclosed.

"This website provides residents assistance in making and choosing safe health food establishment selections in their area and in addition showcases restaurants for maintaining safe food service practices" said David Ludwig Environmental Health Division Manager.

"Our primary concern is to protect public health", emphasizes John Power, Environmental Services Department Interim Director. "This website tool provides us with the opportunity to make key information more accessible to our Maricopa County residents."

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To view the new feature added to the Environmental Health webpage and/or to search for food-related or other establishments' information and inspection ratings, and for complaints information, please log on to the Environmental Services website:  
<http://www.maricopa.gov/envsvc/envwebapp/>. Under the Quick Search box look for Research Corner to access food establishments by category and permit type, or to access Complaints data.

*Hint: To look up Hospitals or Nursing Homes, go to the Permits Research Corner. Find "Eating and Drinking" in the Permit Type dropdown, then drop down Permit Subtypes to choose "Hospital Food," "Nursing Home," "Assisted Living Facility," or one of the other related subtypes listed, then click the "Search" button.*

For more information or to file a restaurant complaint call (602) 506-6616.

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